

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-244 (PACS-B9) Construction Date: circa 1905

Name: Page Property

Location: 4415 and 4415B Middletown Road, Pomfret vicinity, Charles County

Private/Private residence/Occupied/Deteriorated/Not accessible

### Description:

The Page Property is a 2-story, 3-bay, side-gable I-house with a center gable. The property, which has been converted to a duplex, is located on the west side of Middletown Road in the Pomfret vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1905, it is clad in aluminum siding and is supported by concrete piers. It has a metal roof with two central brick chimneys and most of the windows in the structure are 2/2 double-hung sash; two windows on the north elevation are 6/6 double-hung sash.

### Significance:

The Page Property is an I-house, a common early twentieth century architectural style, which is undistinguished by any features or details. The installation of aluminum siding, coupled with the considerable deterioration of the property has compromised its architectural integrity. The Page Property was originally situated on approximately 81.34 hectare (201 acres) of "Oak Grove" acquired in 1904 through the division of the estate of Mary B. Page. A house was constructed on the land circa 1905. The parcel associated with the residence was reduced to 28.32 hectare (70 acres) in 1912 when the Page heirs conveyed the property to Washington C. Page. The lot was further reduced to 24.28 hectare (60 acres) when Washington Page sold the property in 1915. The current owner, Julian Carr, acquired the property in 1937, and has subsequently reduced the size of the parcel associated with the premises to 13.15 hectares (32.5 acres).

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**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic ☐ Page Property ☐

and/or common ☐ Julian Carr Property ☐

**2. Location:**

street & number 4415 and 4415B Middletown Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Pomfret ☒ vicinity of ☐ congressional district ☐

state Maryland ☐ county Charles ☐

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Julian Carr

street & number 1474 Harvard Street, N.W. ☐ telephone no.: ☐

city, town Washington ☐ state and zip code DC 20009 ☐

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County ☐ liber 67 ☐

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive ☐ folio 204 ☐

city, town La Plata ☐ state MD ☐

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title ☐

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local ☐

depository/survey records ☐

city, town ☐ state ☐

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Page Property is a 2-story, 3-bay, side-gable I-house with a central cross-gable. The property, which has been converted to a duplex, is located on the west side of Middletown Road in the Pomfret vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1905, it is clad in aluminum siding and it is supported by concrete piers. It has a metal roof with two central brick chimneys and most of the windows in the structure are 2/2 double-hung sash; two windows on the north elevation are 6/6 double-hung sash.

The first story of the east, or front elevation has one 2/2 double-hung window in the first bay. There are wood doors with four lights in both the second and third bays. The second story has three 2/2 double-hung windows.

The south elevation has one 2/2 double-hung window on both the first and second stories.

The west, or rear elevation has three, 1-story shed-roof additions. The addition in the center of the elevation has a central brick chimney. The second story of the elevation has two 2/2 double-hung windows.

The north elevation has one 6/6 double-hung window on both the first and second stories.

The Page Property is located on the west side of Middletown Road. Its setting remains rural, as it is bordered on the north, south and west by wooded land.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	__ archaeology-prehistoric	__ Community planning	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
1400-1499	__ archeology-historic	__ conservation	__ law	__ science
1500-1599	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ literature	__ sculpture
1600-1699	__ architecture	__ education	__ military	__ social/
1700-1799	__ art	__ engineering	__ music	humanitarian
1800-1899	__ commerce	__ exploration/settlement	__ philosophy	__ theater
x 1900-	__ communication	__ industry	__ politics/government	__ transportation
		__ invention		other:

[illegible]

check:      Applicable Criteria:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D  
                       and/or  
Applicable Exceptions:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D   \_\_\_E   \_\_\_F   \_\_\_G

Level of Significance:          national                          state                          local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Page Property was originally situated on approximately 81.34 hectare (201 acres) of "Oak Grove" acquired in 1904 through the division of the estate of Mary B. Page. A house was constructed on the land circa 1905. The parcel associated with the residence was reduced to 28.32 hectare (70 acres) in 1912 when the Page heirs conveyed the property to Washington C. Page. The lot was further reduced to 24.28 hectare (60 acres) when Washington Page sold the property in 1915. The current owner, Julian Carr, acquired the property in 1937, and has subsequently reduced the size of the parcel associated with the premises to 13.15 hectare (32.5 acres).

The Page Property is located in southern Maryland, in northern Charles County. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

A standard I-house, such as the Page Property, is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are located on the interior of the gable ends, however, external chimneys are characteristic in the Chesapeake region. Usually, an I-house has a one-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. Initially,

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

stone masonry construction was used but by the mid-nineteenth century, as pre-cut lumber became increasingly available, frame construction became the norm. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a two-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

### NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Page Property, a circa 1905 I-house, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A or B, as research indicates it has no association with historically significant persons or events. The residence is a common early twentieth century architectural style, which is undistinguished by any features or details. The installation of aluminum siding, coupled with the considerable deterioration of the property has compromised its architectural integrity, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion C. Finally, the property is not eligible under Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

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Eligibility Recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens Date: 07/21/1997  
 Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 4/4/01

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Eligibility Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: *[Signature]* ✓

Date: 10/14/97

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name La Plata, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline Hall

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date September 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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**Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet**

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**Historic Context:**

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not applicable; Occupied;  
Not accessible; Private Residence

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

This is a detailed topographic map of the La Plata area. The map features contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 120, 140, 160, 200, 212, 213, 216, 217, 220, 227, 230, 250, and 255. Key landmarks and features include:

- Water Bodies:** Cat Pond, Old Woman's Creek, Swamp, Tobacco, and Turkey.
- Roads:** Pole Branch Road, Cat Pond Road, Billingsley Road, Old Woman's Road, Port Road, Pages Road, and Gutridge Road.
- Settlements and Landmarks:** Billingsley, Gravel Pit X, Old Woman's, Swamp, Tobacco, Port, Pages, Turkey, Trailer Park, and Gutridge.
- Infrastructure:** A railroad line runs diagonally across the lower right portion of the map.
- Other Features:** A north arrow is located in the upper right corner. A scale bar at the top indicates distances in miles (0 to 2 miles) and feet (0 to 1000 feet).



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3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Speio & Comp.  
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5. 4415 and 4415B Middletown Road South and  
East elevations of Northwest View
6. 1 of 5 Main house



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5. 4415 and 4415 B Middletown Road North end  
West elevations of Main house  
6. 2 of 5 Southeast view





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5. 4415 and 4415B Middletown Road  
East elevation of house

6. 30F5

West view



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5. 4415 and 4415B Middleton Road West

6. 4 of 5 elevation of house East view



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5. 4413 and 4415B Middleton Road South  
6. 5 of 5 elevation of Main house North  
View